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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and § 1.98

Sir:

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. The references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting the references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Copies of the cited documents are provided.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), any information disclosure statement filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 shall include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein.

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French Publication No. 2,653,399 and Japanese Patent Nos. 5-105040, 5-147506, and 5-330406 are not in the English language. Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), English translations of the abstracts (from esp@cenet Database – Worldwide located at <http://ep.espacenet.com>) are attached to these references, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a final action or any other action that closes prosecution in the application. As such, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), a check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed to cover the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). It is believed no further fees are due with respect to this filing; however, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account number 04-1415.

Should the examiner have any questions concerning the relevance of the references cited in this disclosure, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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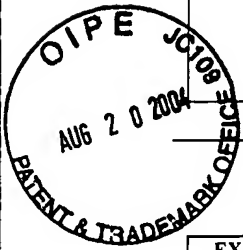
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